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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS
AT OVERSEAS POSTS

REF: A) 75 STATE 21032 B) 75 STATE 271528

1. RE REF A:

A. AS RESULT OF SIXTEEN RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY RSO IN
CHANCERY SECURITY SURVEY OF APRIL 1975 AND POSTS
IMPLEMENTATION OF THEM PRIOR TO JUNE 1975, THE SECURITY OF
CHANCERY HAS BEEN MARKEDLY IMPROVED. SEVEN OF THE
SIXTEEN RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.
AT PRESENT POST PLANS TO RECONSTRUCT ONE OF LOBBY WALLS TO
INCLUDE TRANSPARENT ARMOR VICE OPEN GRILLWORK. POST IS
STILL WAITING RECEIPT OF ARMOR WHICH WAS ORDERED OCT 10
1975. THIS MODIFICATION HAS CONCURRENCE OF RSO; NO ADDITIONAL
FUNDING FORESEEN FOR THIS PROJECT.

B. THE CONSULAR SECTION WAS RECENTLY MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION
IN THE CHANCERY BLDG. CONS OFFICER IS PROTECTED IN THAT
HE MAINTAINS A WORKING OFFICE IN THE PROTECTED/ACCESS CONTROLLED
PORTION OF CHANCERY AND DOES NOT GO OUT TO HIS PUBLIC,
UNPROTECTED OFFICE UNTIL CALLED
BY RECEPTIONIST: HE CAN OBSERVE PERSONS SEEKING ASSISTANCE
BEFORE JOINING THEM IN UNPROTECTED AREA. NO ADDITIONAL
MEASURES NECESSARY FOR CONS AREA AT THIS TIME.

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2. REGARDING AID PUBLIC ACCESS, THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE IS
SET FORTH IN FORMAT SUGGESTED BY REF B:

A) PROPERTY: AID LEASES ANNEX ON CHANCERY COMPOUND FROM THE
CHANCERY LANDLORD ON FIVE YEAR LEASE.

B) BARRIERS: AID BLDG IS WITHIN CHANCERY COMPOUND AND
THEREFORE HAS SOME PERIMETER FENCING. HOWEVER, ACCESS TO
MAIN ENTRANCE IS FROM THE STREET OUTSIDE PERIMETER FENCE
AND ONE EXTERIOR WALL OF THIS BLDG CONSTITUTES THE
BACK PORTION OF THE PERIMETER WALL; ADDITIONAL GRILLWORK
WAS ADDED TO THIS WALL PER RSO RECOMMENDATIONS. AT PRESENT
THERE IS NO INTERIOR BARRIER OR ACCESS CONTROL OTHER THAN A
RECEPTIONIST. RSO RECOMMENDS A SOLID BUZZER CONTROLLED DOOR
BE INSTALLED FOR ACCESS CONTROL BETWEEN RECEPTION/ENTRANCE
AREA AND OFFICE AREA. AID OFFICIALS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS
MINIMUM MEASURE AS NOT ALLOWING SUFFICIENT "OPENNESS" AND
AS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THEIR "IMAGE". THE AMBASSADOR CONCURS.

C) WINDOWS: AID OFFICIALS HAVE AGREED TO INSTALLATION
OF MYLAR ON STREET SIDE WINDOWS AND GLASS ENTRANCE DOORS.
ESTIMATED COSTS WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

D) LOCAL GUARDS: LOCAL GUARD FOR DAYTIME CONTROL WOULD
NOT BE OF SUFFICIENT EFFECTIVENESS TO JUSTIFY COST AND
WOULD BE INCONSISTANT WITH AID "IMAGE".

E) MARINE SECURITY GUARDS: WHILE RSO FEELS AN MSG
DETACHMENT COULD BE EFFECTIVELY USED, POST FEELS THAT PRESENT
LEVEL OF THREAT INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY PRESENCE OF MSG'S
AND THE STAFF INCREASE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM AN MSG
DETACHMENT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE "LOW PROFILE"
EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN.

F) TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT: NONE

G) LOBBY CONTROLS: SEE PARA ONE FOR CHANCERY; LOBBY CONTROLS
NOT ACCEPTABLE TO AID.

H) COMMUNICATIONS: NONE
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3. WITH REGARD TO USIS PUBLIC ACCESS AND PER FORMAT OF
REF B:

A) PROPERTY: STANDARD GOVT FIVE YEAR LEASE EXPIRED IN 1975
AND NOW ON FIRST OF FOUR YEARLY RENEWALS.

B) BARRIERS: 1. WINDOW AND AIR CONDITIONER GRILLS FOR

ALL OFFICES IN THE EXECUTIVE AREA. SOLID DOOR BETWEEN
LIBRARY AND OFFICE AREA; SOLID DOOR TO ENTRANCE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE;
SOLID DOOR TO PAO OFFICE. LOCKS WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH RSO
ABIDJAN; COST ESTIMATES WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

C) WINDOWS: MYLAR FOR ALL GLASS IN LIBRARY DOORS AND WINDOWS
AND FOR ALL WINDOWS IN OFFICES AND RECEPTION AREAS.
COST ESTIMATES WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.

D) GUARDS: NO ADDITIONAL AT THIS TIME.

E) MSG'S: NONE

F) TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT: NONE

G) LOBBY CONTROLS: NONE

H) COMMUNICATIONS: NO ADDITIONAL AT THIS TIME.

4. ALL ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE CONCURRENCE OF RSO.

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